

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE CENTER
INDEXED NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS – DECEMBER 2003

AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION

"GRASSLANDS BILL APPEALS TO RANCHER: HUNDREDS RUSH TO TAKE PART IN PROGRAM HOW TO APPLY FOR PROGRAM"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 27**

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

"MSU PRESIDENT FORESEES BIG AG BOOM"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 3**

AIR POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS

"PLANT BOSS DISMISSES POLLUTION ALLEGATION"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 13**

AIRPORTS

"PROBLEMS MOUNT FOR CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT"; HAVRE DAILY NEWS; **2003 DEC 5**

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY WIND POWER

"NORTHWESTERN ENERGY STILL CONSIDERING WIND POWER"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 15**

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SUPREME COURT - MONTANA

"MCGRATH: DEATH PENALTY RULING NOT APPLICABLE TO STATE"; MONTANA MAGAZINE; **2003 DEC 2**

CATTLE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

"FACING MAD COW DISEASE"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 28**

"FOR CATTLE INDUSTRY, 2003 IS HISTORIC"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 28**

"ORGANIC BEEF GAINS AMID MAD COW SCARE"; CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR; **2003 DEC 29**

"SINGLE MAD COW CASE 'LOW' RISK TO MEAT EATERS"; MONTANA STANDARD; **2003 DEC 27**

COAL MINING

"COAL MINING POWER PLAYER CLOSES OFFICE: OWNER OF FORMER MPC MINES WILL LEAVE BILLINGS IN JANUARY"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 2**

COAL MINING - MONTANA

"COAL MINE OWNER LOSES EQUIPMENT: 2 MAJOR SUPPLIERS WIN REPOSSESSION ORDER IN COURT MINE MISSES WELL DEADLINE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 9**

"QUEST FOR COAL: PROMISE OF JOBS, PROFITS SPURS MONTANA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COAL BY THE NUMBERS"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 7**

COALBED METHANE WATER QUALITY

"METHANE QUANDARY: ADVOCATES HAIL RESOURCE AS AN ECONOMIC BOON; FOES FEAR IMPACT ON WATER SUPPLY"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 8**

DISASTER RELIEF AGRICULTURE - MONTANA DROUGHT - MONTANA

"VENEMAN DECLARES MONTANA A DROUGHT DISASTER AREA"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 3**

DROUGHT - MONTANA AGRICULTURE

"CURRENT DRY SPELL RIVALED ONLY BY DEPRESSION"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 28**

"EVEN WITH SNOW, CURRENT DRY SPELL EXTREME"; MISSOULIAN; **2003 DEC 29**

DRUNKEN DRIVING

"DUI VICTIM'S PARENTS WANT TAVERNS HELD RESPONSIBLE"; BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE; **2003 DEC 22**

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

"WYOMING EYES FUTURE IN TECH: STATE GAINS JOBS, FUNDS IN 'NEW ERA' DENVER POST; **2003 DEC 29**

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS MONTANA

"MSU-B ECONOMIC INDICATORS: NOVEMBER RESULTS MIXED"; MISSOULIAN; **2003 DEC 29**

"STATE'S ECONOMY SLOWLY GAINS GROUND"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MONTANA AGRICULTURE - MONTANA

"BABY CARROT BUSINESS GROWS UP: HUTTERITES, DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO TEAM UP ON PLANT BABY CARROTS START OUT BIG BUT GET CUT DOWN TO SIZE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS COMING UP"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 10**

"MALTING PLANT EMERGING: COMPANY COULD BE BUYING BARLEY BY NEXT YEAR"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 4**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MONTANA PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BUSINESS TAXATION

"BUSINESSES PRAISE EQUIPMENT TAX BREAK, BUT SAY IT'S NOT KEY IN CREATING NEW JOBS: COMPANIES APPRECIATE TAX BREATHER EQUIPMENT TAX CUT HASN'T GENERATED EXPECTED INCOME FOR STATE"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 29**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MONTANA
AGRICULTURE**

"MALTING PLANT EMERGING: COMPANY COULD BE BUYING BARLEY BY NEXT YEAR";
GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 4**

EDUCATION - MONTANA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

"NEW PLAN WOULD GIVE SMALL SCHOOLS A CHOICE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 3**

EDUCATIONAL FINANCE - MONTANA

"ATTORNEYS PRESENT ARGUMENTS IN SCHOOL FUNDING CASE"; DAILY INTERLAKE;
2003 DEC 16

"COLONIES TAKE APPEAL TO US DEPT OF ED"; HAVRE DAILY NEWS; **2003 DEC 1**

"EDUCATION COSTS SHIFTING TO PROPERTY TAXES HOW PROPERTY TAXES ARE
CALCULATED"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 14**

"HUTTERITE COLONIES SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING PROBE"; MONTANA MAGAZINE; **2003
DEC 2**

EDUCATIONAL FINANCE - MONTANA SCHOOLS

"PROPOSAL MAY HELP RURAL SCHOOLS"; GLASGOW COURIER; **2003 DEC 10**

**EDUCATIONAL FINANCE - MONTANA
EDUCATIONAL REFORM**

"STATE EDUCATION REVIEW: RENEWAL COMMISSION PICKING UP STEAM"; LIVINGSTON
ENTERPRISE; **2003 DEC 1**

ELDERLY - MONTANA

"INVESTIGATORS FRUSTRATED BY ELDER ABUSE SENTENCE"; INDEPENDENT RECORD;
2003 DEC 28

ELECTRIC UTILITY DEREGULATION

"DE-REG: THE BOARD GAME: NEW FROM INDY PRODUCTIONS, JUST IN TIME FOR
CHRISTMAS--THE GAME YOU CAN'T WIN! MISSOULA INDEPENDENT; **2003 DEC 11**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES RIGHT TO
KNOW ELECTRIC UTILITY DEREGULATION**

"COURT: BUSINESSES HAVE NO INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO PRIVACY JUSTICE CALLS
DEREGULATION 'DEBACLE' GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 19**

ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES

"NORTHWESTERN LIKELY TO FILE FOR EXTENSION ON REORGANIZATION PLAN";
BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 3**

"NWC SEEKING OK ON BONUS, SEVERENCE PLANS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES ENERGY
SUPPLY**

"PLANT COULD SUPPLY CO-OPS, AND CITY OF GREAT FALLS"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE;
2003 DEC 7

**ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES ELECTRIC
POWER TRANSMISSION ELECTRIC POWER
PLANTS - MONTANA ENERGY SUPPLY**

"POWER LINE SHORTAGE A HURDLE TO PRODUCTION COAL PRODUCTION IN
MONTANA"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 7**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES ELECTRIC
POWER PLANTS - MONTANA ENERGY SUPPLY**

"TWO PLANNED COAL-POWERED PLANTS AT BULL MOUNTAIN TO BE SOLD";
LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS; **2003 DEC 24**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES ENERGY
SUPPLY**

"UTILITY LAGS ON ENERGY CONTRACTS: FILING, EXPECTED IN JANUARY, TO MAP
PLANS FOR 30 PERCENT OF STATE'S ELECTRICITY"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 15**

ENERGY SUPPLY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

"WIDE ARRAY OF LOCAL ENERGY PLANS BEING CONSIDERED"; LEWISTOWN NEWS-
ARGUS; **2003 DEC 27**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP POLLUTION
PARKS - MONTANA**

"PARK SOIL CLEANUP FINISHED: WORKERS REMOVE TONS OF TOXINS FROM GIANT
SPRINGS LAND"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 13**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS RESEARCH

"PROPOSED BIOHAZARD LAB IN HAMILTON POSES 'NEGLIGIBLE RISK' ACCORDING TO
FEDS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 30**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
SNOWMOBILES PARKS - MONTANA**

"FEWER SNOWMOBILES LOGGED IN SEASON'S FIRST DAYS"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003
DEC 20**

FISHERIES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

"FWP MAY REINTRODUE BROOK TROUT"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 28**

FOREST MANAGEMENT TIMBER INDUSTRIES

"FORESTS BILL COULD HASTEN KNF PROJECTS: SUPERVISOR DOESN'T SEE PROCESS EXCLUDING PUBLIC"; WESTERN NEWS; **2003 DEC 10**

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION AGRICULTURE

"GRAIN CAR SCARCITY LESS HERE THAN IN MIDWEST: SOME MONTANA FARMERS MUST WAIT 6 WEEKS TO SHIP GRAIN TO MARKET"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 6**

HUNTING

"COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON 2004 HUNTING REGULATIONS"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 25**

"ELK HUNT UNDER REVIEW"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 26**

INDIAN AFFAIRS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGRICULTURE - MONTANA

"TRIBE PLANS ETHANOL PLANT AND FEEDLOT"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 3**

INDIAN AFFAIRS – GAMBLING

GAMBLING - MONTANA

"TRIBES PRESS STATE ON GAMING"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 4**

INDIAN AFFAIRS - NATURAL RESOURCES

"NORTHERN CHEYENNE KEYS TO DEVELOPING STATE'S COAL RESERVES"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 7**

INDIAN AFFAIRS - TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

"ROCKY BOY CONSTITUTION TARGET OF VOTE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

JAILS - MONTANA

"C OUNTY CONSIDERS REVIVING JAIL LEVY"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 18**

"COUNTY JAIL INMATES ARE BEING HOUSED IN HAVRE FACILITY: POTENTIAL LIABILITY, FEARS LOCAL JAIL DOESN'T MEET STANDARDS PROMPTS DECISION"; PHILLIPS COUNTY NEWS; **2003 DEC 23**

"COUNTY LOOKS TO CAP JAIL POPULATION: OFFICIALS TO WORK TOWARD CHANGES TO ENFORCE 40-INMATE LIMIT AT COUNTY JAIL"; BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE; **2003 DEC 4**

"COUNTY MOVES ON JAIL SUGGESTIONS: COMMISSIONERS SAID THEY WILL FIND THE MONEY TO HIRE MORE PRETRIAL RELEASE OFFICERS AND BEEF UP THE SHERIFF'S WORK PROGRAM"; BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE; **2003 DEC 11**

"FULL JAIL DETERS SENTENCING: OVERCROWDING IN WARM SPRINGS CAUSES PROBLEMS"; MONTANA STANDARD; **2003 DEC 10**

"JAIL LEVY TO APPEAR ON BALLOT ONCE AGAIN"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 24**

"TETON COUNTY SAYS JAIL QUITE A CATCH: DEPUTIES CAN SPEND TIME PATROLLING INSTEAD OF MOVING INMATES"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 22**

LUMBER INDUSTRIES TIMBER INDUSTRIES FORESTS

"CHALLENGING TIMES, CHANGING TACTICS: CENTRAL MONTANA TIMBER AND LUMBER INDUSTRY ADAPTS TO NEW CONDITIONS"; LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS; **2003 DEC 20**

LUMBER INDUSTRIES LOCAL GOVERNMENT - MONTANA

"LINCOLN COUNTY TAKING OVER MILL PROPERTY"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 29**

MEDICARE FEDERAL SUBSIDIES

"ANALYSIS SHOWS MEDICARE BILL WILL HURT STATES"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 10**

MINES - MONTANA

"REVETT EYES RE-OPENING TROY MINE"; WESTERN NEWS; **2003 DEC 19**

"TROY MINE: ACCUSATIONS MEET DENIALS AFTER REPORT: WITH HIGH-TECH RESEARCH COMPLETE, CONSERVATION GROUP WANTS TO DIG FURTHER"; MISSOULIAN; **2003 DEC 7**

PARKS - MONTANA RECREATIONAL AREAS

"NEW LAW ALLOWS MONTANA RESIDENTS FREE ACCESS TO ALL 42 STATE PARKS"; MONTANA MAGAZINE; **2003 DEC 2**

POLITICAL PARTIES

"ELECTION SEASON ADS: CHEESY OR NOT, HERE THEY COME"; MONTANA STANDARD; **2003 DEC 7**

PRISONS - MONTANA CORRECTIONAL PERSONNEL

"PRISON ADDITION MEANS SHIFT CHANGES"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 26**

PROPERTY TAX - MONTANA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

"QUEST TO PROTEST \$3.5 MILLION IN MONTANA TAXES: CASCADE COUNTY TO TAKE A \$485,000 HIT, BUT OFFICIALS HAVE PREPARED FOR IT"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC**

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

"ACLU WON'T DROP MISSOULA CO FROM PUBLIC DEFENDER LAWSUIT"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 30**

REDISTRICTING MONTANA

"NEW RULING SOUGHT ON DISTRICTING"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

RIVERS - -MONTANA

WATER RIGHTS

"SMITH RIVER RULING WILL FACE CHALLENGE"; MEAGHER COUNTY NEWS; **2003 DEC 11**

SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL REFORM

"LEARNING THE ROPES: RURAL SCHOOLS FACE TOUGH CHALLENGES IN WAKE OF THE NEW FEDERAL EDUCATION ACT"; MISSOULIAN; **2003 DEC 21**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

"TOUCH AMERICA SALE 'IMMINENT' BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

UTILITY INDUSTRIES NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

"ENERGY WEST STRESSES SUCCESSES AT ANNUAL MEETING"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 4**

UTILITY RATES ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRIES

"UTILITY SETS GOAL OF NO RATE HIKES"; GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE; **2003 DEC 20**

WATER RIGHTS - MONTANA WATER SUPPLY

"GOLF DEVELOPERS CHALLENGE STATE RULING ON WELLS"; BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE; **2003 DEC 14**

WATER SUPPLY INDIAN AFFAIRS - WATER RIGHTS

"BIA WATER INCIDENT DRAWS UNHAPPY CROWD TO TOWN MEETING"; MONTANA MAGAZINE; **2003 DEC 2**

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

"EXPERTS APPROVE WOLF PLANS BUT EXPRESS RESERVATIONS"; MONTANA MAGAZINE; **2003 DEC 2**

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

"WANTED: HIKERS TO CARRY FISH-AND-BLOOD LURE THROUGH GRIZZLY COUNTRY"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 26**

"WOLVES KILL CALVES, ARE SOUGHT IN THE BIG HOLE"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WILDLIFE - PARKS

"RESEARCHERS: WOLVES COULD CUT CWD"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 23**

WILDLIFE - MONTANA

"WOLF CAUGHT BY PARADISE VALLEY TRAPPER"; INDEPENDENT RECORD; **2003 DEC 26**

WIND POWER ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

"TOWERING TURBINE PROJECT TO PUT HELLGATE WINDS TO WORK FOR UM"; BILLINGS GAZETTE; **2003 DEC 20**